

bility, the cheapness of transportation to our market, the ease and rapidity with which sales are made, and so many large and heavy operations in the article being located here, gives us advantages which are no where else to be obtained. Surrounded as we are, and having in our own borders works of improvement, that have already opened channels of communication and furnished means of transport, from which we already begin to feel their beneficial effect, and invites the West to avail itself of our markets, and evinces to us the importance of our position. Those whose opinions are entitled to weight, agree, that if an additional warehouse were now built, a call would again be made, e're many years to build another. An addition to the receipts of five thousand hogsheads from Ohio alone, will be experienced, which was last year about twelve thousand. The committee would therefore urge upon the House, the importance of erecting another warehouse, remarking at the same time, that a house could be built without any expense to the State, as the contract for payment of it might be based upon the future revenues of the warehouses.

The re-building or re-constructing the No. 3 Warehouse, engaged the attention of the committee, as also a subject of importance: but this cannot be done until a new house is erected, to measurably relieve that house while the necessary construction is going on. It should, however, be done as soon as possible, as the house does not now afford facilities like to the others. The necessity of the repairs alluded to is apparent, from the fact that about two thousand dollars were here expended for storing out tobacco, with the expense incident thereto; the interest on a much greater sum than would be required to make the proposed alterations—and surely if the tobacco fund is to be annually chargable with this sum, and probably more, as a kind of interest, it would be far preferable for the fund to bear that abstraction, in the form of interest upon an amount expended, for the construction of a building—to say nothing of the value to the tobacco fund of the ownership of a substantial building.

The committee cannot refrain from again pressing the importance of erecting an additional house. If the State establishes tobacco warehouses, and invites tobacco here for inspection, it certainly is her interest to furnish all the facilities in her power to the trade: she has done this, the trade has been brought here—has increased, and is still increasing—while other States are grasping at the treasures poured into our lap; and the prospective increase calls for facilities commensurate with it. They therefore hope that the attention of the Legislature may be given to the subject.

The committee would also recommend the passage of an act or resolution, requiring the inspectors of tobacco, to issue for proposals to furnish nails, of a quality acceptable to them, believing that a great saving could be effected in that item. They could draw out their remarks to a much greater extent, but deem that